

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the information as they think that the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of proportion to its possible utility.

Population of Latin Christians in the State.

205. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Latin Christians in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The total number of Latin Christians i. e., of Roman Catholics following the Latin rite, in the State according to the last Census is 327,979.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether Government are aware that the number of appointments given to the Latin Christians is very poor when compared with their population?

PRESIDENT: That has nothing to do with the question. The question has been fully answered.

Bridge across the Periyar river at the 147th mile of the M. C. road.

206. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have considered the question of putting up a bridge across the Periyar river at the 147th mile of the M. C. road; and

(b) if not, the reason for the same?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) and (b) Yes. But the work can be taken up only after other more important crossings are bridged.

MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): എന്റെ ചോദ്യത്തിന് മറുപടിയായി എത്രയും അത്യാവശ്യമുള്ള മറ്റു പാലങ്ങൾ തീർത്തശേഷമേ ഈ പാലത്തെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ എന്നാണ് പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത്. ഈ പാലം അത്യാവശ്യമുള്ളതാണെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെന്റ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ലേ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായത്തിൽ അങ്ങിനെയാണ് തോന്നിയിട്ടുള്ളത്. ഇതിനെക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ അത്യാവശ്യമായ വേലകൾ തീർക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതു തീർന്നശേഷമേ ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാൻ പാടൊള്ളൂ എന്നാണ് ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇതും ഗതാഗതത്തിന് അത്യാവശ്യമായ ഒരു പാലമല്ലേ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): പാലങ്ങൾ എല്ലാം തന്നെ ഗതാഗതത്തിനുള്ളതാണല്ലോ.

MR. ITTOOP ITTECHAN (*Kunnathnad*) : അന്യ സംസ്ഥാനത്തേക്കു പോകുന്നതിനു ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഒരു പാലമാണിത്. ഈ പാലം കടക്കാതെ കൊച്ചി സംസ്ഥാനത്തേയ്ക്കു പോകാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

PRESIDENT: ഇതു ഒരു ഉപചോദ്യമല്ല. ഡിസ്കഷനാണ്.

Mr. C. Balakrishna Rao, Water Works Engineer.

207. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times and the places to which Mr. C. Balakrishna Rao was deputed for training in connection with the Trivandrum Water Works ;

(b) the cost of such deputation ; and

(c) the nature of the qualification Mr. Balakrishna Rao has in water works ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(a) Twice.

(i) To British India to visit some of the principal water works such as the Pulta water works, Tallah water works, Jamshedpur water works, Benares water works, Allahabad water works, Cawnpore water works, Gwalior water works, Bombay water works, Poona water works, Bangalore water works, Mysore water works, Badravathi water works, etc.

(ii) To Madras to study at the spot the pipe laying and jointing operations in progress there and thence to Mettur Dam works.

(b) Rs. 2,911-0-14 for the first deputation and Rs. 887-25-12 for the second. } Including salary for the periods.

(c) The experience he has gained by inspecting and studying the above works, besides his engineering qualifications. He is a B. E. and C. E. of the Madras Engineering College.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : The answer to part (a) (ii) says that Mr. C. Balakrishna Rao was deputed "to Madras to study at the spot the pipe laying and jointing operations in progress there and thence to Mettur Dam Works." I wish to know what Mr. Balakrishna Rao would have done if the pipe laying and jointing operations were not in progress at Madras at that time ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : He would not have visited them.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then how would he have studied these operations ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It would then arise for consideration whether these operations were being conducted anywhere else where he could go and study them.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is it difficult to get a specialist in water works ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It may not be difficult.